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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS

1. ATMOSPHERICS AND MEDIA REACTION:

U.S. CHINA POLICY

- SPECULATION CONCERNING U.S. CHINA POLICY IN POST-MAO ERA CONTINUED. INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES (CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO, 350,000) CARRIED EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR SPARKMAN BY CHOU CHIEH, PAPER'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT. SPARKMAN QUOTED AS SAYING: U.S. RECOGNITION POLICY WOULD TAKE FORM OF TWO-CHINA ARRANGEMENT; U.S.-ROC RELATIONS FRIENDLY, STABLE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL; AND U.S.-PRC NORMALIZATION EFFORTS WOULD TAKE TIME ALTHOUGH MAO'S DEATH DID NOT AFFECT THEM ADVERSELY. IN ACCOMPANYING EDITORIAL, PAPER NOTED NEW TREND IN U.S. CHINA POLICY EXEMPLIFIED BY DUAL RECOGNITION THEORIES AND FELT U.S. HAD NO FIXED FORMULA, PROGRAM OR TIMETABLE FOR NORMALIZATION EFFORTS WHILE WORKING TOWARDS U.S.-PRC RELATIONSHIP WHICH DOES NOT BETRAY ROC. RESTATING ROC CLAIM TO MAINLAND, IT URGED FULL COOPERATION AND HONESTY BETWEEN U.S. AND ROC

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IN PURSUIT "THEIR IDEAL GOALS." ELSEWHERE, LARGEST DAILY UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO, 380,000) CARRIED ARTICLE

BY UNIVERSAL PRESS ASSOCIATION COLUMNIST WILLIAM RUSHER
ADVOCATING TWO-CHINA POLICY AS BEST SOLUTION RECOGNITION
QUESTION WHILE CHINA TIMES WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT SAW
NO BASIC SHIFTS IN U.S.-PRC NORMALIZATION PLANS EXCEPT
WHERE AFFECTED BY SOVIET-PRC RELATIONS AND MAINLAND
INTERNAL STRUGGLES.

NUCLEAR CONTROVERSY

- NEWS MEDIA PLAYED UP WITHOUT COMMENT TESTIMONY BY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL AND ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE BEFORE
CONGRESS AND WASHPOST EDIT PRAISING ROC PLEDGE TO ABSTAIN
FROM MANUFACTURE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. MEDIA ALSO PROMINENTLY
PLAYED IAEA PIO DELCOIGNE'S RECENT STATEMENT ABSOLVING
ROC FROM EVASION IAEA SAFEGUARDS AND REPORT QUOTING
SOUTH AFRICAN URANIUM COMPANY THAT ROC USE SA URANIUM
FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS "RIDICULOUS RUMOR."

FORD-CARTER DEBATES

- NEWS MEDIA PROVIDED DETAILED COVERAGE FIRST DEBATE,
INCLUDING RESULTS U.S. OPINION POLLS, CONGRESSIONAL
REACTION AND COMMENTS CANDIDATES' NEW SPOKESMEN. UNITED
DAILY NEWS IN ANALYSIS QUOTING "LOCAL SCHOLARS" SPECULATED
WHETHER "TAIWAN ISSUE" WOULD BE TOPIC IN NEXT DEBATE ANDOR
CONCLUDED I
T WOULD ASSUME MINOR ROLE BECAUSE BOTH FORD AND
CARTER OPPOSE SACRIFICING ROC IN NORMALIZATION EFFORTS.
ACCORDING SCHOLARS, HOWEVER, ABSOLUTE CONSENSUS EXISTS
BETWEEN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE ON CHINA POLICY.
PEOPLE CONCERNED FATE CHINESE IN TAIWAN AND GOVERNMENT
WORRIED ABOUT WORLD REACTION IF U.S. BETRAYED ROC.

GRADUATES STILL PREFER U.S.

- 2759 ROC COLLEGE GRADUATES HAVE BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION
THIS YEAR TO PURSUE POSTGRADUATE STUDIES OVERSEAS, MINISTRY
OF EDUCATION DISCLOSED THIS WEEK.

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- AVERAGE NUMBER COLLEGE GRADUATES GOING ABROAD FOR ADVANCED
STUDIES HAS BEEN AROUND 2300 SINCE 1962. PEAK YEAR WAS 1969
WITH 3444. OF TOTAL COLLEGE GRADUATES GOING ABROAD, MORE
THAN 90 PER CENT HAVE GONE TO U.S.

- ONN1976 TOTAL TO DATE, 2532 WENT TO U.S.

- HOWEVER, NUMBER OF STUDENTS SEEKING ADVANCED STUDIES
IN EUROPE IS SHOWING SLIGHT INCREASE. THIS YEAR 22
STUDENTS WENT TO BRITAIN, 32 TO WEST GERMANY, 14 TO

FRANCE, 2 TO ITALY, 3 TO AUSTRALIA, AND 3 TO SWITZERLAND.

- ONLY LIMITED NUMBER WENT TO ASIAN COUNTRIES. FIFTY-SIX STUDENTS WENT TO JAPAN, ONE TO SOUTH KOREA, ONE TO THE PHILIPPINES, AND 13 TO THAILAND.

- MOST OF THE STUDENTS CHOSE ENGINEERING AS THEIR MAJOR SUBJECT, FOLLOWED BY NATURAL SCIENCES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES.

- NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY AGAIN LED THE LIST WITH 663 GRADUATES, NEXT WERE FU JEN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, 235; NATIONAL CHENG KUNG UNIVERSITY, 178; TAMKANG COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, 161; AND NATIONAL CMING HSING UNIVERSITY, 137.

- THE AVERAGE AGE OF FEMALE STUDENTS WAS LOWER THAN OHAT OF MALE STUDENTS. MOST OF THEM WERE UNDER 30. A TOTAL OF 1511 WERE AGED BETWEEN 25 AND 29 AND 1131 BETWEEN 20 AND 24. ONLY SEVEN OF THEM, ALL MALES, WERE MORE THAN 40 YEARS OLD.

- ONE-THIRD OF THEM, 557 MALES AND 210 FEMALES, GRADUATED FROM COLLEGES IN 1974. MALE STUDENTS HAVE TO SERVE TWO YEARS IN THE ARMED FORCES WHILE MOST OF THE LOCAL STTUDENTS

HAD WORKED FOR TWO YEARS TO EARN MONEY BEFORE GOING ABROAD. ONLY 390, 156 MALES AND 234 FEMALES, WERE THIS YEAR'S CROP OF COLLEGE GRADUATES.

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- NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS THIS YEAR DID NOT SHOW ANY DRASTIC INCREASE AS EXPECTED, (THE MINISTRY GRANTED 2285 PERMISSIONS IN 1975) PARTLY BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING VISAS FROM FOREIGN EMBASSIES, AND PARTLY BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING JOBS AFTER GRADUATION AT HOME OR IN FINDING FUTURE JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

OTHER

- NEWSWEEK INTERNATIONAL SEPTEMBER 27 PAGES ON MAO FUNERAL RITES AND POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR CHANG CHUN-CHIAO REMOVED AT CENSOR'S ORDER.

II. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

- KAOHSIUNG-TAINAN BPAO JOHN THOMSON SEPTEMBER 24 GAVE 30-MINUTE LECTURE IN CHINESE TO 40 MEMBERS TAINAN EAST ROTARY CLUB ON SIGNIFICANCE U.S. BICENTENNIAL AND ELECTIONS, EMPHASIZING POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF REVOLUTION, AS EMBODIED IN CONSTITUTION.

- THOMSON SEPTEMBER 25 HELD TWO-AND-HALF HOUR AMERICAN JAZZ PRESENTATION, WITH HALF HOUR LECTURE IN CHINESE ON SOCIAL ORIGINS OF JAZZ FOLLOWED BY INTRODUCTION 30 SELECTIONS OF JAZZ TO AUDIENCE OF 73 IN USIS KAOHSIUNG. RAIN HELD DOWN ATTENDANCE, BUT EARLIER SHOWING OF TWO JAZZ FILMS ON UNCLASSIFIED

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SEPTEMBER 22 DREW SRO CROWD OF 160.

- GREGG SMITH SINGERS GAVE TWO PUBLIC CONCERTS, ONE IN TAICHUNG ON SEPTEMBER 24 AND ONE THE FOLLOWING NIGHT IN TAIPEI, FOR TOTAL AUDIENCE 1,500. ALTHOUGH GROUP ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED, CONCERTS WERE NOT FINANCIAL SUCCESS FOR IMPRESARIO. PRIOR PUBLIC CONCERTS, SINGER CONDUCTED A FOUR-DAY WORKSHOP AT TUNGHAI UNIVERSITY. GROUP MEMBERSEAGER PARTICIPANTS AT REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS. THIS WAS RARE GROUP, ALL GOODWILL AMBASSADORS AND NO PRIMA DONNAS. WHILE AT TUNGHAI THEY LIVED WITH INDIVIDUAL FACULTY MEMBERS AND ATTENDED NUMBER OF UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED FUNCTIONS WHERE THEY READILY AGREED IMPROMPTU SINGING SESSIONS. AMBASSADOR LEONARD UNGER ENTERTAINED THE SINGERS AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE POST-CONCERT RECEPTION. ALTHOUGH TIGHT SCHEDULE LEFT NO TIME FOR TAIPEI SIGHTSEEING, NEVERTHELESS, THEY AGREED TO LUNCH AND SONGFEST WITH ONE OF TAIPEI'S BEST CHILDREN'S CHOIRS WHICH FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY BUFFET IN THEIR HONOR ATTENDED BY IMPORTANT ARS CONTACTS AT DPAO'S HOME SUNDAY, THEIR "FREE" DAY. IMPRESARIO

INFORMED USIS HE WOULD WELCOME A RETURN VISIT BY GROUP
EVEN THOUGH HE LOST MONEY THIS TIME.
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